

# OUR·VILLAGE·VOICE

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## MSB Hosts Regional Braille Challenge

Twenty-five students from across the St. Louis metropolitan area competed in the regional Braille Challenge Thursday, February 18, 2010 at MSB.

During this preliminary round of the national competition, students in first grade through high school competed in five categories which required them to transcribe, type and read

Braille using a Perkins Brailler. Students were tested on reading and brailleing speed, accuracy, comprehension and spelling as well as reading charts and graphs.

The top students at this preliminary contest will be invited to compete against several hundred other American and Canadian braille users at the national event in June in Los Angeles.

Winners of the regional contest at MSB received gift certificates to Best Buy. They are listed below.

**Apprentice:** Lydia Olmsted, 1st; Sam Doman, 2nd; Zyschaun Cross-Williams, MSB, 3rd.

**Freshman:** Alexis Kricho, 1st; Kathryn Hurd, MSB, 2nd; Andrew Adolphson, 3rd.



**Sophomore:** Ashley Foley, 1st; Brandon Hahs, 2nd; Amber Messmer, 3rd.

**Junior Varsity:** Abby Trimble, 1st; Annie Donnell, 2nd; Ashley Fleeman, 3rd.

**Varsity:** Kristyn Hagan, 1st; David Brown, MSB, 2nd; Brett Wilhelm, 3rd.

The Braille Challenge is a program of the Braille Institute and is co-sponsored in St. Louis by MSB and Lighthouse for the Blind. Lighthouse provided the t-shirts and gift certificates.

(See photos of Braille Challenge winners on page 2.)

## CALENDAR

Senior Beta State Convention at Branson, MO	Mar. 11-14
Swim & Forensics Meet at Wisconsin	Mar. 12-14
Daylight Savings Time Begins	Mar. 14
St. Patrick's Day	Mar. 17
Swim & Forensics Meet at Indiana	Mar. 19-21
Lions Appreciation Night, 4-8 p.m.	Mar. 28
MAP Kick-Off Assembly, 2:15-2:45 p.m.	Mar. 29
Achievement Assembly, 2:15-2:45 p.m.	Apr. 1
Spring Break	Apr. 5-9





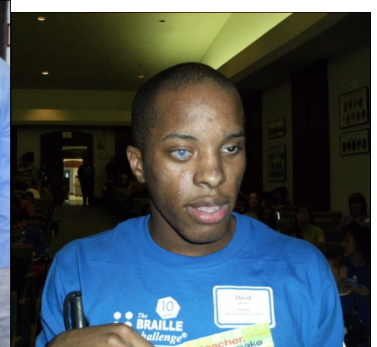
## Braille Challenge Winners



Freshman Division 2nd place winner Kathryn Hurd receives her award from Challenge organizer Chris Klevorn.



Apprentice Division contestants prepare for their next test under the direction of Librarian Mary Dingus. From left are Carter Temm; Sam Dolman, 2nd place; Zyshaun Cross-Williams, 3rd place; Ms. Dingus, and Lydia Olmsted, 1st place.



Varsity Division 2nd place winner David Brown.

### Essay Contest For Students

The MSB Alumni Association invites all students to write an essay on "What MSB Means to Me" and compete for a \$25 prize.

The essay can be written in the student's choice of format. Deadline is April 1. For information call Anna Schell, ext. 146.

### Trivia Night To Benefit USABA

Put your memory to the test and help raise money for the U. S. Association of Blind Athletes, Missouri Chapter, at Trivia Night on Sat., April 10.

Cost is \$15 per person. The event will be held at Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church, 3164 Ivanhoe. Call 647-0093 for more information.

## Foundation for the Blind Offers Scholarships

American Foundation for the Blind is offering several scholarships to students who are legally blind:

Rudolph Dillman Memorial Scholarship - four awards of \$2,500 each

for study in the field of rehabilitation and/or blind/VI education;

Delta Gamma Memorial Scholarship - one award of \$1,000 for study in field of rehabilitation and/or blind/

VI education;

Karen D. Carsel Memorial Scholarship - one award of \$500 for study in any field;

R.L. Gillette Scholarship - two awards of \$1,000 each for a female studying literature or music;

Gladys C. Anderson Memorial Scholarship - one award of \$1,000 to female studying classical or religious music;

Paul W. Ruckes Scholarship - one award of \$1,000 for study in engineering, computer, physical or life sciences.

For more information call AFB at 800-232-5463 or visit [www.afb.org/scholarships.asp](http://www.afb.org/scholarships.asp) or email [afbinfo@afb.net](mailto:afbinfo@afb.net).

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MAR. 18	CARLOS CRUES
MAR. 22	KATIE KROON
MAR. 29	ELMER CRUZ
MAR. 30	JESSICA CRAWFORD
	RICHARD MANN
	PATTY YOCUM

HAVE A GREAT DAY!